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Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A An *E. coli* strain containing plasmid TABI-f-4, which comprises a DNA encoding a human TAB1 peptide having the amino acid sequence from Met at amino acid 1 to Pro at amino acid 504 in the TAB1 amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 4, was named *Escherichia coli* DH5 α (TABI-f-4) and has been deposited internationally under the Budapest Treaty as an accession No. FERM BP-5599 in The National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology, The Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (1-1-3 Higashi, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan) on July 19th, 1996.

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